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- New vendors for Sinclair
- Whats New With The Expo
- Who will be at the Expo
- Presidents Message
- And Other Great Things

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*Some Pertinent Facts Regarding the Expo*

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One more item: if you are flying in let us know your flight and arrival time and we will arrange to have some one there to pick you up. The Inn does not have a shuttle and it is a long walk. If needed, we will get you back to the airport. That may be a little trickier as the Expo will be functioning until 4:pm Sunday. We will do it though. I want you to know that there will be a new vendor at the Expo. It is an old friend with a new name. They will be handling the new ROM, Minerva, and burning them right there. We still have a few tables left so if your user group wants one you had better hurry. There are still seats for the delicious banquet but for a reminder I must tell the Inn ten days in advance the number of dinners.

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## "80" NOTES

BY R.A.HILSMANN

Last month I managed to get all of the CHECKBOOK & BUDGET MANAGER into the columns, in other words, you have now the complete listing of the program if you have entered the listings from the last two issues of SMUG bytes.

This issue gives a listing of all lines which have hidden codes and tokens in them, to make the program more compact.

Only lines where codes & tokens occur are listed, ignore any additional spaces, and do not enter any REM statements I have added for clarity. Some lines list only those statements which contain such hidden codes etc., do not change any lines from the way they have been listed in previous issues of this Newsletter. Just move your cursor to the spot as you see it listed here, and make the changes.

Any lines pertaining to Micro-Drives (Interface 1) can not be entered unless you have the interface connected. Ignore those lines if you do not have an Interface 1.

On the other hand, if you have a different type of interface not covered by this program, make up your own save and load lines instead.

10 REM  
ALL TEXT WITHIN GRAPHIC MARKERS  
TEXT ARE TOKENS, AS TO DO  
NOT ENTER GRAPHICS!!  
SOME TOKENS MAY REQUIRE THE  
TOKEN "THEN" TO BE ENTERED FIRST  
TYPE "THEN", ENTER THE DESIRED  
TOKEN, NOW BACKSPACE TO ERASE  
THE TOKEN "THEN".

15 REM  
ALL TEXT WITHIN GRAPHIC MARKERS  
TEXT IS FLASHING TEXT. USE  
CS/SS TO GET THE EXTENDED MODE  
CURSOR, NEXT HOLD THE SHIFTKEY  
DOWN AND PRESS THE "9" KEY TO  
GET THE TEXT TO FLASH. MOVE THE  
CURSOR TOWARDS THE END MARKER,  
AND REPEAT THE PROCEDURE, BUT  
PRESS "8" KEY TO END FLASHING.

18 REM

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20 LET T=VAL "10": GO SUB VAL
"80": GO SUB BP: PRINT AT T,0;"E
NTER PAPER COLOR (0 TO 7) "
35 GO SUB BP: IF K THEN PRINT
"DO YOU WISH TO LOAD DATA (
Y/N)"
50 GO SUB BP: INPUT "HOW MANY
TRANSACTIONS DO YOU WISH THIS
PROGRAM TO PROCESS" "500 max.
",AT VAL "6",0;D
70 DIM E$(D+VAL "2",VAL "41"):
LET U=0: LET M=0: LET X=VAL "2"
: LET C=0: LET O$="NEW REGIST
ER"
140 PRINT " PRESS ""0"" (ZERO
) TO EXIT "
150 REM Graphics & shifted "3":
PRINT "
": RETURN
170 REM FLASH CHR$ AT = exte
nded mode CSSS & shifted "9",
to end flash CSSS & shifted "8"
at
: PRINT AT 0,0;" PRESS (ANY KEY
) TO ENTER DATA PRESS (1)
(ONE) TO CORRECT DATA ":
RETURN
180 PRINT " ENTER ""0"" (ZER
O) TO EXIT ": RETURN
190 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO C
ONTINUE ": RETURN
400 PRINT AT VAL "16",0;" LIST
TO PRINTER (Y/N)"
520 INPUT "ENTER CHR$ IN FRO
NT OF CATEGORY YOU WISH TO VIE
W (A TO $)";AT 5,0;A$
540 PRINT #0;"PRESS ""P"" FOR
PRINTOUT"" ANY OTHER KEY TO
RETURN TO MENU"
560 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO R
ETURN TO MENU "
800 CLS : INK 9: BORDER 5: PRIN
T : PAPER 1;"***CHECKBOOK & BUDG
ET MANAGER***"; PAPER 0;"***
1 9 8 2 I M P E X ***"; PAPE
R 2;"*****";D+2-X;" TRANSACTION
S LEFT *****": PAPER 5: PRINT AT
3,0;"PRESS";AT 5,0;" 1) TO V
IEW STATUS & ACCOUNTS"" 2) T
O ENTER CHECKS (DEBITS)"" 3)
TO ENTER DEPOSITS (CREDITS)""
4) TO LIST TRANSACTIONS""
5) TO BALANCE ACCOUNT""
6) TO RESET ACCOUNTS"" 7)
TO SAVE OR LOAD DATA ": GO
SUB LI: PRINT AT 19,0;" LAST UP
DATE - ";O$;" TODAY'S DATE - ";I
$: PLOT 0,159: DRAW 0,-135: PLOT
255,159: DRAW 0,-135: GO SUB DL
: PRINT #0;AT 1,0;" ENTER CHOIC
E (1 TO 7)": REM FLASH AT
1000 REM lots of statements.....
: PRINT #0;AT 56N PI,0;" ENTER
CHOICE "
1010 CLS : GO SUB ZO: GO SUB BP:
LET FL=0: PRINT AT T,0;" TO V
IEW ACCOUNT STATUS PRESS ""U""
AT VAL "15",0;" TO MAKE A CHANGE
TO AN EXISTINGACCOUNT TYPE ""
C"""" TO FORMAT NEW ACCOUNTS
PRESS ""N""

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5170 REM
: PRINT "FOR PRINTOUT PRESS
: "P"
6000 CLS : GO SUB DL: PRINT AT 3
,0;"WOULD YOU LIKE TO ";AT 5,0
;"1) CLEAR ALL DATA ";AT 7,
0;"2) CLEAR CHECK-DATA, BUT KE
EP BUDGET-ACCOUNTS INTACT ?
";AT 10,0;"3) RESET AMOUNTS SPEN
T TO "0"
7000 REM FLASH AT : CLS : GO S
UB BP: LET FL=0: LET F=0: PRINT
AT T,F;" ARE YOU SAVING OR
LOADING DATA " "S"
FOR SAVING; "L" FOR LOADING
":
7010 REM FLASH: CLS : PRINT AT T
,0;" ARE YOU LOADING OR SAVIN
G
7012 GO SUB DL: PRINT AT 12,0;"
TO "TAPE" "press <T>" "DIS
K" "press <D>" "MICRO-DRIVE" "pr
ess <M>"
7020 CLS : GO SUB BP: PRINT AT T
,0;" INSERT DISK, CARTRIDGE OR
TAPE " IF FL THEN PRINT "
AND PRESS ENTER WHEN READY "
REM FLASH AT
7022 PRINT "WHICH DRIVE ARE
YOU USING TO " "LOAD OR S
AVE YOUR DATA <1-2-3>"
7023 GO SUB BP: INPUT "ENTER FIL
E NAME OR TOKEN CAT TO DATA
LOG DISK-FILES",AT T,0:N$
7040 CLS : GO SUB BP: PRINT AT 1
0,6;" LOADING DATA " REM F
LASH

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7080 CLS : GO SUB BP: PRINT AT T
,0;"PREPARE TAPE OR DRIVE THEN
" "PRESS ENTER"
7090 IF Q$="M" THEN CLS : PRINT
AT T,0;" ERASING OLD DATA "
GO SUB DL
7100 IF Q$="M" THEN ERASE "M";U;
N$: PRINT " DATA ";N$;" ERASE
D" GO SUB BP: ERASE "M";U;"BUD.
ACC" PRINT "BUD.ACC DATA ERAS
ED" GO SUB BP: ERASE "M";U;"SPE
NT" PRINT " DATA SPENT ERASED
" GO SUB BP: PAUSE 20
7160 REM LOTS OF STATEMENTS.....
PRINT AT VAL "2",INT PI;" VER
IFYING DATA " "REWIND TAP
E" "VERIFY N$ DATA E$(): GO SU
B BP: VERIFY N$+"BUD" DATA T$():
GO SUB BP: VERIFY N$+"SPENT" DA
TA Q(): GO SUB BP: PRINT " "D
ATA VERIFIED" REM FLASH....
7180 REM LOTS OF STATEMENTS.....
PRINT "BACKUP COPY (Y/N)"
7200 REM LOTS OF STATEMENTS.....
PRINT AT 2,3;" VERIFY'ING DA
TA " "DATA ";N$;" VERIFIE
D"
PRINT "BUD.ACC DATA VERIFIED"
PRINT " DATA SPENT VERIFIED"
7210 DATA "CHECK REGISTER LOADED
" "BUDGET ACCOUNTS LOADED" " DA
TA SPENT LOADED"
7220 DATA "SAVING CHECKING DATA
" "SAVING BUDGET DATA " "SAV
ING DATA SPENT"

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THE ENTIRE CORPORATION HAS TAKEN A CRASH  
COURSE IN **MIME**; WE'VE SAVED A SMALL  
FORTUNE BY ELIMINATING **CHAIRS**.



THE MARCEL MARCEAU WORK-OUT  
BOOK HITS THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE

IS THIS IT?  
I GUESS NOT!

Last month I mentioned about UPDATES magazine and how Bill Jones would not be able to keep it going. Well I got a call from Frank Davis of the Indiana group and he is going to handle the publication for SNUG starting with the October issue. So at times it may seem like all of the Sinclair community is hanging from the end of a shredding rope, there are heroes that ride in with tape to shore up the rope. We still may be at the end of the long rope but at least it is in better shape. What we really could use is some help from Sinclair, Sugar, and/or help from the European community.

There is an idea of and international group and I feel this may help extend the life of our "Great Little Computers." The other thing is to try to show off what the Sinclair can do. If there are computer shows in your area try to get a spot where you can show off your ZX81/1000, Spectrum/2068 QL or Z88. Get in touch with local newspapers or radio amateur or amateur astronomer society. They may be looking for help with z88 programming. One other avenue to explore is its a cheap first computer for the child. If people know about the "little black box" that a child can operate and doesn't cost an arm or leg you may get new members at a younger age. There is one other way that I know of and that's going to swap fests and flea markets and leaving flyers with any one selling Sinclair hardware or software besides at the entrance to the place. If we can get more people interested in the Sinclair line maybe we can get Sugar or someone to start up the line again. It sure would be nice to see 400 to 500 attendees at the annual fest. One other option is to produce a little programming class to be shown on your local cable network. This could also bring them in or at least make them aware of what a computer can do for them and what they can do with a "real" computer.

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## The Digitizer and A Problem Found. Notes From Marty.

By now there are several of you playing around with the digitizer board. Some of you have had great pictures created and some are getting a black scan after 3 to 7 passes. I myself was getting a black scan just by bringing my hand NEAR the board. All is not lost. I have found the problem on the board. Somehow when the boards were made a foil run was omitted & that's causing this problem. Please refer to the schematic diagram and note that pins 1 & 20 are BOTH tied to the 5 volt line. On the board a jumper on the component side was omitted. This can easily be corrected. Hold the board in your hand with the component side away from you and refer to the layout diagram. IC6 is the IC in the lower right hand corner & pins 1 & 20 are the pins at the bottom. Add a bridge of solder from the open bottom pin to the foil run connecting the other bottom pin and you are all set. If you have any doubts about doing this - Continued on page 8.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

More on the new magazine, Computer Buyers Guide. It looks like Bill Ferrebee will be writing the classic computer section. It will be the only non TS magazine publishing Sinclair information. Bill and I attended the Ham/Swap show in Madison, and it was a disappointment. Not much to be had.

Others: Sat., May 5, 1990, Circle B Rec Center, Cedarburg WI \$3 at door. Tri-County Ham's Swapfest, May 12, 90; Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Hy 18 West Jefferson, WI; 8 - 2, in/out door & \$3. June 2-3, 1990, Sinclair Expo Waukesha Holiday Inn, Waukesha WI.

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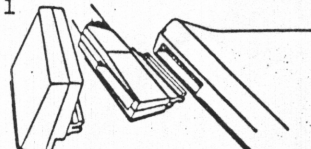
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Be sure to attend the SNUG meeting Saturday night. Meet at least some of the officers and find out just what the situation with SNUG is. Paul Holmgren is the acting President and will be there. Voice your opinions and have your say. The meeting will be pool side so if it gets to hot you can just go jump, in the pool that is, and cool off.

So "see you in Milwaukee" June 2-3 and hope you get what you want.

## Digitizer Continued.

feel free to return the board to me, c/o SMUG, P.O. Box 101, Butler WI 53007, and I will correct it for you.

I still do not know why these boards worked at all. With that pin floating in space the 8 flip-flops in the 74HCT273 could clear whenever they felt like it. Well I guess I'll see some of you at the Expo. Right now I am going to get started on trying out John McMichael's "VIDEOTEX" program using the OKIMATE 20 color printer to colorize some of these pictures I've digitized. Marty Miller.

Bill brought some of the T shirts that will be used for the Expo. The general consensus is they look great. To hold the price down we are setting the price under \$7. Also it seems the Expo will require many hands to keep the Expo going. So please attend this next meeting for assignments. There will be special incentives for those helping with the Expo.

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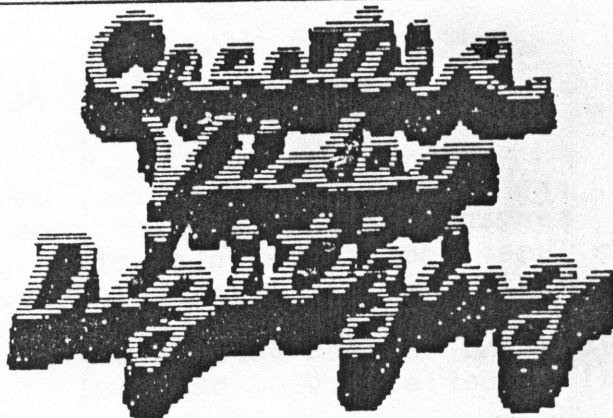
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6:30 View Of Registration & Costs  
7:30 Business Meeting  
8:30 Assignment-Fest responsibilities  
8:45 Whatever else you would like  
10:30 Clean Up

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